

## Message Text

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R 301853Z MAY 78  
FM AMCONSUL RIO DE JANEIRO  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 6280  
INFO AMEMBASSY BUENOS AIRES  
AMEMBASSY LONDON  
AMEMBASSY BRIDGETOWN  
AMEMBASSY CAPETOWN

UNCLAS RIO DE JANEIRO 2447

E.O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS: CASC/BR (DITTAMORE, JOSEPH L.)  
SUBJECT: W/W: JOSEPH L. DITTAMORE

REF: STATE 129913

1. POST HAS MADE INQUIRIES WITH YACHT CLUB AND BRAZILIAN PORT AUTHORITY IN ATTEMPT TO GAIN INFO ON POSSIBLE EN AVANT ITINERARY. BOTH SOURCES CONFIRMED THAT EN AVANT ARRIVED RIO OCTOBER 26, 1977, AND DEPARTED NOVEMBER 1. NEITHER HAD ANY INFO BESIDES STATED DESTINATION ANTARCTIC.

2. PORT AUTHORITY CONFIRMED THAT THEY HAVE NO RECORD CONCERNING EN AVANT SINCE ITS DEPARTURE FROM RIO, INDICATING THAT BOAT HAD NO REPORTED DIFFICULTIES IN BRAZILIAN WATERS.

3. POST ALSO CONTACTED BRITISH CONSULATE IN RIO. BRITISH CONSUL STATED THAT HE RECEIVED INQUIRY FROM BRITISH GOVERNMENT OFFICE IN PORT STANLEY, FALKLAND ISLANDS JAN. 3. EN AVANT IS PART OF 1977-78 SMITH EXPEDITION HEADED BY SIMON RICHARDSON. MEMBERS OF EXPEDITION IN PORT STANLEY WERE CONCERNED ABOUT NONARRIVAL. CONSUL INFORMED PORT STANLEY OF YACHT'S DEPARTURE NOV 1.  
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4. BRITISH CONSUL LATER RECEIVED WORD THAT LLOYDS OF LONDON HAD REQUESTED ALL SHIPPING IN SOUTH AMERICAN WATERS TO BE ON LOOKOUT FOR EN AVANT AND THAT ARGENTINIAN COAST GUARD HAD BEEN ALERTED. BRITISH CG'S LAST COMMUNICATION ON SUBJECT WAS JAN 9.

5. APPARENTLY IS SOME SPECULATION THAT EN AVANT MAY  
HAVE BEEN DAMAGED AND PUT IN AT OBSCURE SOUTH AMERICAN  
PORT OR PERHAPS HAS HEADED FOR CAPETOWN BEING UNABLE  
TO GO WINDWARD DUE TO DAMAGE. EN AVANT IS A 62FT STEEL  
HULLED TUG CONVERTED TO SAIL.  
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